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## EDUCATION

### **University of Minnesota – Twin Cities**

Bachelor of Arts, Global Studies, Summa cum laude

**Minneapolis, MN**

Fall 2012 – May 2014

### **Hertog War Studies Program**

**Washington, DC**

Institute for the Study of War

Summer 2013-Present

### **University of Wisconsin – Madison**

**Madison, WI**

Fall 2010-Spring 2012

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Lead Intelligence Planner**

Institute for the Study of War

**Washington, DC**

September 2016-Present

### **Evans Hanson Fellow, Syria Analyst**

**Washington, DC**

Institute for the Study of War

May 19, 2014 – September 2016

### **Intern Analyst**

**Washington, DC**

Institute for the Study of War

December 19, 2013 – January 17, 2014

### **Administrative Assistant**

William I. Fine Theoretical Physics Institute

**University of Minnesota-Twin Cities**

June 2012 – May 2014

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Jennifer Cafarella, Kimberly Kagan, and Frederick W. Kagan, “**America’s Way Ahead in Syria**,” Institute for the Study of War and Critical Threats Project, March 2017
- Jennifer Cafarella, “**America Must Act in Syria Even after Aleppo**,” Fox News Opinion, December 19, 2016
- Jennifer Cafarella, Nicholas A. Heras, and Genevieve Casagrande, “**Al Qaeda is Gaining Strength in Syria**,” Foreign Policy, September 1, 2016
- Jennifer Cafarella, “the Myth of a ‘Locally Focused’ former Al Qaeda Affiliate in Syria,” the Cipher Brief, August 1, 2016

- Jennifer Cafarella and Genevieve Casagrande, **"Syrian Armed Opposition Powerbrokers,"** Institute for the Study of War, March 2016
- Jennifer Cafarella, **"Why the Most Dangerous Group in Syria isn't ISIS,"** CNN, February 26, 2016
- Jennifer Cafarella, **"American Security is at Risk in Aleppo: why America's Second Largest City Matters to the U.S.,"** Fox News Opinion, February 23, 2016
- Jennifer Cafarella, Harleen Gambhir, and Katherine Zimmerman, **"Jabhat al Nusra and ISIS: Sources of Strength,"** Institute for the Study of War and Critical Threats Project, February 2016
- Frederick W. Kagan, Kimberly Kagan, Jennifer Cafarella, Harleen Gambhir, Christopher Kozak, Hugo Spaulding, and Katherine Zimmerman, **"Competing Visions for Syria and Iraq: the Myth of a Grand anti-ISIS Coalition,"** Institute for the Study of War and Critical Threats Project, January 2016
- Frederick W. Kagan, Kimberly Kagan, Jennifer Cafarella, Harleen Gambhir, and Katherine Zimmerman, **"ISIS and Al Qaeda: Existential Threats to the U.S. and Europe,"** Institute for the Study of War and Critical Threats Project, January 2016
- Jennifer Cafarella, **"The Myth of Partnering with Assad, Russia, and Iran against ISIS,"** the Hill, December 7, 2015
- Jennifer Cafarella, **"A Political Settlement in Syria?"**, the Cipher Brief, December 1, 2015
- Jennifer Cafarella, **"Syrian Jihadists Signal Intent for Lebanon,"** March 5, 2015
- Jennifer Cafarella, **"Jabhat al-Nusra in Syria: an Islamic Emirate for al-Qaeda,"** Institute for the Study of War, December 2014

#### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

- Panelist, **"The Syrian Crisis: What Lies Ahead on the Battlefield and in Diplomacy?"** The Middle East Institute, April 2017
- Panelist, U.S. government-sponsored conference on the Al-Qaeda in Syria, February 2017
- Panelist (report co-author), **"Combating Al-Qaeda in Syria: A Strategy for the Next President,"** Atlantic Council, January 2017
- Speaker, Canadian government-sponsored conference on Iraq, December 2016
- Planner, Tabletop exercise for the U.S. Army's 1st Infantry Division, September 2016
- Participant, Foreign Policy "Peace Game" Exercise on the Syrian war held in the United Arab Emirates, February 2016

#### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

- English: native language
- Arabic: limited working proficiency
- Spanish: limited working proficiency